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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, September 13, 2012

Members Present

Ochs, Ginger – San Diego County Paramedic Agency (Alt)
Rosenberger R.N., Wendy – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)
Rudnick R.N., Sharon – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)
Workman, Debi – Palomar College Technical Representative

Attendees

Forman R.N., Kelly – Mercy Air
Hudnet BSN, Carlen – Rural Metro
Rice, Mike – AMR

County Staff

Pate R.N., Rebecca

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ginger Ochs, called the meeting to order at 9:03 am in the Chairpersons absence.
Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of members that attended the May 10, 2012 and June 14, 2012 meetings were not present to approve the minutes. Approval of the May 10, 2012 and June 14, 2012 minutes will take place at the next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Ginger Ochs presented information on offload delays from San Diego Fire and Rescue data.

- Yesterday there were 164 transports, 35 were more than 30 minutes at the facility.
- The majority of delays were during midday.
- Friday at 8:30 in the morning there were no units in the system, every unit was staffed. Later in the day, 2:00 -3:00 pm, they had the same issue.
- This week they are adding 2 ALS units during the day.

Carlen Hudnet added that by 5 pm on Friday, there were 250 calls and 200 transports; generally there are 200 in 24 hours.

Discussion

Mike Rice attended the Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) where it was mentioned that some hospitals with offload issues have been put on bypass by the provider because of delays. Mr. Rice mentioned that a \$25,000 fine can be issued if they do not have an ambulance available to respond to a call.

The EMOC group encourages providers to call the emergency room (ER) charge nurse when they are delayed at the hospital. Part of the First Watch prehospital panel is a feature to measure offload delay times. A suggestion was to have the hospitals time stamp the transfer of care by using the dashboard feature from First Watch.

Sharon Rudnick mentioned that Sharp Chula Vista's procedure is to have a designated staff person expedite getting the patient on and off the gurney and registering them into the system when medics arrive.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

Rebecca Pate presented Policy P-300, P-302, and the out-of-county "Application for Internship" for review and comments. The following are suggestions, comments and discussions made during the review.

A. P-300, Paramedic Training Program Student Eligibility

- Reformat numbering where there are duplicates of II. and II.#4.

- Duplicate II. #2. “CPR card (**Add:** or equivalent to) (AHA/ARC). Rebecca Pate will check other policies that have similar wording.
- Duplicate II. #4. “Have the equivalent of at least six months (**Add:** full time) experience in the provision of emergency care. . .”
- III. #6.a. **Change:** “DOJ Criminal background check” to “Appropriate background check”.
- **Delete:** b. FBI background check.
- **Delete:** c. “DMV ambulance drivers’ license . . .”.

B. P-302, Placement of Paramedic Interns in San Diego County

- EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee discussed the “J” numbers that are given to out-of-county paramedic interns. “J” is used as an identification number.
- III. B. “Any paramedic training agency (**Add:** regardless of physical location) that has been approved by a local EMS agency (LEMSA)”
- IV. B. “. . . San Diego Count Paramedic Agency will submit to the agency (**Change:** “to the agency” to EMS) the completed application. . .”
- **Remove** IV. B. 1-6 and add them to the Application of Internship form.
- **Remove** first sentence in IV. C.
- **Remove** first sentence in IV.C.2. , **add** the second sentence to III.B.
- There was discussion on who is responsible for oversight in making sure that requirements are covered by out-of-county interns.

Action Item: Rebecca Pate will consult with Marcy Metz on the oversight.

C. Application for Internship in San Diego

- **Add:** Out of County training agency name.
- **Add** check boxes from P-302, IV.B #s 1-6 to the out-of-county “Application for Internship.”
- **Add** contact training agency contact person, phone number and address of the training agency to the application.
- CPR Card (**Add:** “or the Equivalent”) Exp Date.
- ACLS Card (**Add:** “or the Equivalent”) Exp Date.
- The Subcommittee discussed what signatures should be on the application, if it should have an official stamp, or if the application should be on tamper proof paper to make certain that a training agency has completed the form and not the applicant.

There are only a few out-of-county applicants per year. Discussion ensued on internships and the procedures that are needed to “ride-a-long” on a provider call. “Ride-a-longs” are scheduled sometimes through the agencies and/or through the individual medic.

- D. It was requested to put the definition of patient in Policy S-412 and S-415, so they are consistent.

Action Item: This will be discussed with Susan Smith as she takes those policies to BSPC.

- E. Sugar, Temperature, Airway Blood Pressure, Lab work and Emotional Support (STABLE) is a new course that builds essential skills needed to effectively care for neonates and infants. It was noted that Palomar/Pomerado requires CCT transport providers to have the STABLE course/card to transfer child patients. STABLE replaces Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Neonatal Resuscitation Provider (NRP); it is a combined program.

VI. STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING (January 10, 2013)/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2012 at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by

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